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Chief Executive Officer

April 15, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
HANCOCK PARK PIT 91 DRAINAGE PROJECT
AWARD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT 1
SPECS. 6798 - CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86722
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorize a supplemental agreement to allow for additional testing and analysis of wastewater at Hancock Park. This will determine the appropriate treatment system to address the contaminants of concern and meet the regulatory standards for discharge.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to execute a supplemental agreement with URS Corporation to provide additional consultant services for treatability testing of the wastewater for the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage project for a \$65,100 not-to-exceed fee funded by prior year net County cost and to establish the effective date following Board approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with additional testing of wastewater to determine the best treatment alternative to meet current regulatory standards at Hancock Park Pit 91.

The Hancock Park Pit 91 site is located at 5801 Wilshire Boulevard at the La Brea Tar Pits and contains the Page Museum, Pit 91, other pits, a creek, and an oil lake and

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various stormwater drainage pipelines, pumps, sumps, and oil-water separators. This area is one of the world's most famous fossil sites, recognized for having the largest and most diverse assemblage of extinct Ice Age plants and animals in the world.

The existing site drainage appeared adequate for the original design conditions; however, during high rainfall conditions, the existing oil-water separators overflow. Due to new water quality regulations, the County failed to meet the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) stormwater guideline limits and was issued a Notice of Violation for alleged noncompliance with waste discharge requirements.

On October 31, 2006, your Board awarded an agreement to URS Corporation to conduct a feasibility study to analyze the existing system and delineate solutions to mitigate potential oily water from discharging into the County storm drain system and to comply with RWQCB limits during heavy rain events. The feasibility study provided recommendations for site landscaping, stormwater management, and wastewater treatment. Various treatment alternatives were identified, including the replacement of the existing system with an above-ground treatment system. However, final recommendation of the treatment system will require additional treatability testing to analyze the wastewater and confirm the appropriate treatment method.

The recommended testing consists of a series of bench-scale tests to determine the effectiveness of several treatment technologies for addressing the contaminants of concern in order to meet the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System discharge limits. Maintenance and operational issues as well as the electrical power requirements can be further developed upon completion of the additional testing and analysis.

We will return to your Board with recommendations for the wastewater treatment system and storm water management at the site following completion of the analysis.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Community Services (Goal 6) by improving the quality of life for the residents and Public Safety (Goal 8) by increasing the safety and security of all residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended supplemental agreement is for a \$65,100 not-to-exceed fee. Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Capital Project/Refurbishment Budget (C. P. No. 86722: Hancock Park Pit 91) to award the recommended agreement.

The total estimated cost of the treatability testing, including County services, is \$121,000 and will be funded by prior year net County cost.

Based on the results of the treatability testing and the proposed treatment configuration, we will return to your Board with final project schedule and budget recommendations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard supplement agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The existing consultant services agreement with URS Corporation includes the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination of services, renegotiation, hiring qualified displaced County employees, GAIN/GROW, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and Child Support Compliance Program.

This is additional materials testing for the feasibility study, which does not involve a design or construction project; therefore, the project cost does not include an allocation for the Civic Art Fund per your Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Awarding this supplemental agreement will have no environmental impact. The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed prior to returning to your Board to request authorization to construct the project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On April 26, 2006, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal to 43 firms to provide consultant services for a feasibility study for the project. On May 25, 2006, one firm submitted a proposal for evaluation. The proposal was evaluated by a panel of members from Public Works based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of work requirements. The evaluation was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, URS Corporation was found to be qualified to perform these services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business with Us website.

On October 31, 2006, your Board awarded an agreement to URS Corporation to provide consultant services for a \$120,785 not-to-exceed fee. Under the recommended

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supplemental agreement for a \$65,100 not-to-exceed amount, URS Corporation will provide additional consultant services for treatability testing of the wastewater. The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work.

Public Works has evaluated and determined URS Corporation fully complies with the requirements of County Code 2.201 (Living Wage Program) and agrees to pay its full-time employees providing County services a living wage.

URS Corporation's Community Business Enterprises participation data (25 percent) and three-year contracting history with the County are on file with Public Works.

The contract requires the consultant to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to my office and to the Department of Public Works (Project Management Division II).

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Museum of Natural History (Leonard Navarro)
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

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ATTACHMENT A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Feasibility Study	12/31/07*
Treatability Testing	08/08/08

*Indicates completed activity.

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Programming			
Feasibility Study	\$ 120,785		\$ 120,785
Treatability Testing		\$ 65,100	\$ 65,100
Subtotal			\$ 185,885
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-
Plans and Specifications	-0-	-0-	-0-
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000
Jurisdictional Reviews and Plan Check	-0-	-0-	-0-
County Services	\$ 89,450	\$ 45,900	\$ 135,350
TOTAL	\$ 220,235	\$ 121,000	\$ 341,235